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SUBJECT: IEA R&D COMMITTEE (CERD) MEETING, NOVEMBER 16,

1976

1. COMMITTEE GIVEN BRIEFING ON PROGRESS OF R&D SYSTEMS ANALYSIS EFFORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF R&D STRATEGY. COMMENTS ON INTERIM DRAFT REPORT MADE AVAILABLE AT MEETING TO BE SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT OR R. LEGASSIE, US ERDA, CHAIRMAN, STEERING GROUP SYSTEMS ANALYSIS. COMPLETE DRAFT REPORT ON PHASE 1 OF R&D STRATEGY EXERCISES EXPECTED IN 90 DAYS.

JAPAN WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY, EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT PROJECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES NOT BE REFLECTED IN STRATEGY REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO GOVERNING BOARD IN SPRING 1977. REQUESTED COUNTRY DATA BE AGGREGATED. LEGASSIE EMPHASIZED DATA ARE PROJECTIONS BY EXPERTS AND NOT INTENDED AS FORECASTS OR TO IMPLY NATIONAL POLICY DECISIONS. DATA ALSO MOST USEFUL IN ILLUSTRATING IMPACT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DIFFERENT SCENARIOS TO BE DISCUSSED IN STRATEGY DOCUMENT.

2. COMMITTEE APPROVED FURTHER TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF SYSTEMS ANALYSIS/STRATEGY EFFORT INVOLVING ASSIGNMENT OF NATIONAL EXPERTS TO WORKING GROUPS AT JUELICH, FRG AND BROOKHAVEN, US. DENMARK, CANADA, NETHERLANDS AND JAPAN SUPPORTED EXTENSION AD REFERENDUM. GREECE AND ITALY SIGNIFIED INTENTION TO NOW HAVE THEIR EXPERTS JOIN ONE OF WORKING GROUPS.

3. GOVERNING BOARD CHAIRMAN DURING NOVEMBER 9 GB REVIEW OF CERD ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT REQUESTED PAPER ON NEW JOINT R&D PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION AT DECEMBER GB MEETING. CERD AGREED WITH PROPOSAL OF ITS CHAIRMAN, SCHMIDT-KUESTER, THAT PAPER WOULD BE PREMATURE AND THAT SUBJECT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR GB DISCUSSION AT SPECIAL MEETING ON R&D EXPECTED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR LATE APRIL. SCHMIDT-KUESTER REQUESTED DELEGATIONS TO SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW JOINT R&D PROJECTS BY MID-JANUARY. SCHMIDT-KUESTER STATED HIS VIEW THAT MAIN DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING TO JOINT PROJECTS IS RELUCTANCE SPEND FUNDS OUTSIDE NATIONAL BORDERS. ZANGGER (SWITZERLAND) INDICATED SMALL COUNTRIES NOT IN POSITION PROPOSE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AND MUST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEAVE INITIATIVE TO LARGER COUNTRIES.

BOTH DANES AND SWISS EXPECTED SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THEIR NATIONAL ENERGY R&D EXPENDITURES FOR 1977. SWISS TO DERIVE FUNDS FROM TAX ON ENERGY USE.

4. CERD ADVISED THAT SECRETARIAT, AT REQUEST OF GB, TO PREPARE PAPER ON FINANCING, MAGNITUDE AND INSTITUTIONAL

FRAMEWORK FOR R&D COOPERATION WITH LDC'S. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED DELEGATIONS SUBMIT TO SECRETARIAT SUGGESTIONS FOR PAPER AS WELL AS FOR SPECIFIC TECHNICAL AREAS OR PROJECTS SUITABLE FOR COLLABORATION WITH LDC'S.

5. CERD ACCEPTED CONCLUSIONS OF NUCLEAR SAFETY WORKING GROUP THAT ALL USEFUL COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN LIGHT WATER REACTOR SAFETY HAD BEEN DEVELOPED, WORK IN HIGH TEMPERATURE GAS REACTOR SAFETY PREMATURE, AND FAST REACTOR SAFETY NOT PRODUCTIVE AREA WITHOUT FRENCH PARTICIPATION. AGREED NUCLEAR SAFETY GROUP SHOULD DEVELOP COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN NUCLEAR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND DEVELOP INDEX OF ONGOING FULL CYCLE SAFETY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN COOPERATION WITH NEA.

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6. CERD ACCEPTED NEED FOR NATIONAL R&D PROGRAM REVIEWS AND AGREED SUCH REVIEWS WOULD BE INITIATED IN SPRING 1977, AFTER COMPLETION OF PHASE 1 REPORT ON R&D STRATEGY. THIS REPORT WILL PROVIDE MUCH OF BASIC INFORMATION NEEDED FOR PROGRAM REVIEWS.

7. ERDA GAVE BRIEFING ON ITS PLANNED WORLD ENERGY DATA SYSTEM (WENDS) AND INDICATED ERDA STAFF WOULD BE EXPLORING WITH IEA, EC AND IAEA THEIR POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN SYSTEM. ALSO SOLICITED INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING.

8. CERD SCHEDULED 1977 MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 24, JUNE 28, AND SEPTEMBER 20.

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9. FYI: DURING INFORMAL U.S. CONSULTATION WITH SCHMIDT-KUESTER AND IEA SECRETARIAT, IT WAS AGREED THAT U.S., U.K., FRG, SWISS AND SWEDISH REPS WOULD MEET JANUARY 26 AND 27 TO INITIATE PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING OF NATIONAL R&D CHIEFS AND GB MEETING ON R&D. MAIN TOPICS FOR "NONMEETING" WOULD BE INITIATION OF NEW JOINT PROJECTS AND COOPERATION WITH LDC'S. IN ADDITION, IT AGREED DESIRABLE SCHEDULE R&D CHIEFS MEETING APRIL 28 AND GB MEETING ON R&D APRIL 29, TO ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO ATTEND IAEA NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE SYMPOSIUM, SALZBURG, STARTING MAY 2. DECONTROL DECEMBER 31, 1977. ROBINSON

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